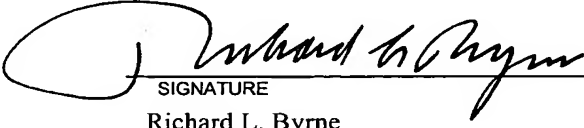


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2003/002307	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 July 2003 (22.07.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 July 2002 (23.07.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION VERTEBRAL FIXING SYSTEM		
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